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THE TARIFF PROSPECT.—The correspondent of the Springfield *Republican* writes as follows: The House has a strong majority in favor of a high tariff, but the Senate is somewhat uncertain. It is not a matter of importance consequence for if an extreme measure should be agreed to by both Houses, the President will veto it, and one of the wisest of the western radicals in Congress openly declares that he will support it such a veto. No extreme measure therefore can become a law, and if the friends of increased rates are wise, they will be moderate in their demands.

THE Chicago Board of Trade have passed resolutions against the proposed reduction of the currency, they deeming the policy of speedy return to a specie basis dangerous to the business interests of the country.

THE New York Courier, a literary paper in the Democratic ring, is an article advocating Mr. Cameron for the Senate, and declaring that if he is elected he will be a candidate for the Presidency. Wherefore it so be-why?

THE cracking warehouse of N. O. Fassler, River street, Cleveland, was burned on Sunday evening last. Loss, $60,000 to $75,000.

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12 O'CLOCK, M.

HARRISBURG.

Assembling of Legislators.

Caucus Proceedings.

The Senate Nominations.

Contest for Speaker of the House.

John P. Glass, of Pittsburgh, Nominated.

The United States Senatorial Question.

Statistics from Annual School Report

Special Dispatch to Pittsburgh Commercial.

HARRISBURG, December 31.

The State Capital to-day has presented a very animated scene. The prominent candidates for Speaker have received visitors at their private rooms, but there was much active caucussing at the Capitol Building. Notices on the door of the legislative hall announced a Senatorial caucus for three o'clock, and a caucus for Speaker at eight o'clock. The caucus announcement for the nomination of State Treasurer was taken down about four o'clock, and it is understood that the Speakership only will be disposed of to-night. Wm. H. Kemble, the present incumbent, will doubtless be re elected State Treasurer.

Senate Nominations.

After a brief and harmonious caucus at three o'clock, the Senate agreed upon the following nominations. It will be observed that a son of each of the Allegheny county senators is among the appointees: Speaker—Louis W. Hall. Clerk—Geo. W. Hamersly; Assistant Clerk, Captain Lucius Rogers, Elk county; Assistant Clerk—Col. Fred. L. Hitchcock; Transcribing Clerks, H. W. Kratz, J. C. Graham, Patrick Kelly, William R. Brown. Sergeant-at-Arms—Captain W. M. Hurkson. Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms—Colonel Thad. Crawford, John Loudon. Doorkeeper—M. Edgar King, Fulton county, Assistant Doorkeepers—John Burns, late of 155th Regiment; John Hoffman, late of 155th Regiment; Abraham Gotshall, Ethel Fuller, Wm. F. Brockway, Wm. A. Wylie, Albert R. Taylor, Horatio P. Connell. Messenger—Robert Sharp, of Philadelphia. Assistant Messengers—Samuel Shields, Harrisburg —Jacob Stiers, Harrisburg. Assistant Librarians—Charles Williams, Frederick H. Braggins. Doorkeeper of Rotunda—Benjamin Haldeman.

Speaker of the House.

The long agony is over. The House Republican caucus met at the Capitol at eight o'clock, and by a viva voce vote nominated John P. Glass, of Pittsburgh, Speaker, and re-elected the present Clerk, A. W. Benedict. No nominations for Assistant or Transcribing Clerks. It seems that the slate agreed on was not satisfactory, and the caucus concluded, after getting the troublesome question of Speaker out of the way, to stop on the balance of the nominations. There was no formidable opposition to Mr. Benedict's reappointment at any time.

Who Were Candidates.

The candidates for Speaker were John P. Glass, of Pittsburgh; M. S. Quay, of Beaver, D. B. McCreary, of Erie, and W. B. Waddell, of Chester county. Mr. Waddell had not at any time any considerable strength, and Mr. McCreary early in the contest withdrew in consideration of being appointed Adjutant General of the State. The real contest through the day has, therefore, been between Messrs. Glass and Quay. The final combination of Waddell and McCreary's friends upon Glass was in consideration that in the organization of committees, and clerkships, elections and appointments, Mr. Glass and friends would do the fair thing. At ten o'clock this morning Mr. Quay's friends were entirely confident of success, and so, and at six o'clock it was understood that Mr. Quay would withdraw, and move the nomination of Mr. Glass, which he did.

The United States Senatorial Question.

The several new combinations which were formed this afternoon has deprived the result of all political significance with respect to the United States Senatorship. On Saturday it was proposed to make it an issue, but this afternoon many members openly proclaimed that the result must not be so regarded.

The Clerkships.

Considerable dissatisfaction prevails in regard to the House clerkships, and it is not improbable that the slate will be changed to-morrow. In consequence of Mr. Glass's election Mr. W. H. Dennison, of Allegheny county, will not be a candidate for re-election as Clerk. Mr. Hallem, of Chester, and Donahue, of Allegheny county, are to be retained as Transcribing Clerks.

Mysterious.

After the caucus, the following mysterious document was handed to several members of the Legislature:

"DEARSIR: Your company is respectfully requested on Tuesday evening, at Bryant's Hall. (Signed) WM. H. KEMBLE."

This gentleman is now State Treasurer, and is to be re elected by this combination.

Press Reporters.

The Clerk of the House, Mr. Benedict, and Resident Clerk, Mr. John A. Small, are making matters quite pleasant for the House Reporters, Mr. Benedict and the assistants, of the Senate are equally courteous.

The Annual School Report.

The annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools was ready and will be submitted after the organization to-morrow. The statistics in regard to Allegheny county are quite full. I condense a few of them: Whole number of school houses in Allegheny county report for 1866, 319, including ten new ones erected during the year; whole number of schools open, 341; number graded, 230; number well classified, 181, number in which uniform books are adopted, 343; number in which the bible is read, 309; number of public examinations held, 2; number receiving provisional certificates, 268; number of applicants rejected, 28; certificates renewed, 85; number of males employed, 187; females, 393: number of teachers that had attended a Normal school, 200; number who have received professional books, 341; number of visits by County Superintendent, 327; visits made with directors, 294; number of pupils attending private schools, 2,785.

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From Galveston.

GALVESTON, December 29.—Four telegrams are published here in the shape of correspondence between Governor Throckmorton, Secretary Stanton and Sub-Commissioner Degress, in the case of the freedman Dick Perkins, an ex-rebel soldier. Degress gave Perkins a pass from reclamation of the Sheriff under the Civil Rights bill, section four, on account of disregard by the civil authorities. Section five of the act of the United States District Attorney and Marshal's bonds. Secretary Stanton approves Degress's proceedings, and Perkins will be tried by the District Court on a charge as high as the capital.

Over a million pounds of wool has been shipped from Corpus Christi during the last six months.

A telegraph line is to be soon built between Indianola and Port Lavaca, Texas.

GALVESTON, December 29—The entire cargo of the steamer Peril, disabled, towed back to New York and subsequently burned, Delaware Pilot-boat, is whitened from consignees, the agent, Stafford Tileston, requiring money deposits as security for the goods saved. The owners of the goods are ready to sign bonds, but are refused. A Quebec agent will proceed to Portland, for detention and losses, which are very heavy.

From South America.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The steamer Chauncey, from Aspinwall, has arrived with $600,000 in bullion.

Advices from South America state that Mosquera has declared hostility as between the South American Republic and Spain, and ordered the seizure of munitions of war for the former in the ports of Columbia, across the isthmus, but that either belligerent may have entry for prizes into Colombian ports.

It is known at Valparaiso whether there is peace or war with Spain.

The Hon. Edwin James, Minister to England is charged with gigantic frauds on the Government, in gunboats, amounting to nine millions of dollars.

It is expected at Callao that the Spanish fleet which left Callao in October, will soon be in want of provisions aboard, was bound to Peru.

From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, December 31.—Ice ferry boats between Cincinnati and Covington and Newport suspended operations to-day, owing to the heavy ice in the river. The suspension bridge, although not fully completed, will be opened for vehicles to-morrow.

The Lebanon Armory building, Lebanon, Ohio, containing one hundred and forty inmates, was destroyed by fire at noon to-day. Loss twenty thousand dollars; insured for ten thousand. No lives were lost.

Dr. Richard Snowden Schneider, parties implicated in the insurance swindle at Lebanon, Ohio, were arrested to-day, no charge being preferred against them.

From Toronto.

TORONTO, December 31.—The thirty-two Fenians remaining in jail here will be tried on the 8th prox. In order to expedite the proceedings, Judge Hagarty will conduct the Assizes, sitting in separate chambers. One will attend to the usual business, the other to the Fenians.

The Grand Trunk train from Toronto to Sarnia on saturday ran off the track near Park Hill. A passenger car went down the embankment. The conductor and several passengers were injured.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—It is reported that the recent storm damaged the Central Pacific Railroad greatly.

A Prescott, Arizona, letter of December 10, says the mines are prosperous, but the Indians are troublesome.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—It is stated that the steamer Colorado, which sails for Hongkong and Hong Kong to-morrow, takes half a million dollars in treasure.

THE CAPITAL.

Virginia and the Amendment.

The Legislature will Probably Adopt It.

The Amendments to the Revenue Bill.

Gen. Butler and Impeachment.

Adoption of the Amendment not a Finality in Reconstruction.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, December 31.

The Amendment in Virginia.

Joseph Segar, Senator elect from Virginia, publishes a letter to-day, in which he says that it is his opinion that the Legislature of Virginia will ratify the Constitutional Amendment. He adds that a decided change has taken place in the spirit and views of the Legislature, and thinks that it is owing doubtless to the information conveyed from Washington to Richmond by Governor Pierpont that on the adoption of the Amendment, Virginia, like Tennessee, would be admitted to representation in Congress.

Chicago Marine Hospital.

Owing to the defect in the title to certain lots, near the Reform School, Chicago, the Government has failed to negotiate for the same for Chicago Marine Hospital. The Supervising Architect of the Treasury is about to visit Chicago to obtain a suitable site, after which the plans for building will be made.

Postal Service.

The House Committee on Appropriations will report a bill next week, making an appropriation of eighteen millions and a half of dollars or inland and ocean postal service.

Senate Nominations.

The Ways and Means Committee, who have been engaged upon the suggestions contained in Commissioner Rollins's internal revenue report, have nearly completed the proposed amendments to the revenue bill.

Snow Storm.

The old year is going out here in a severe storm of snow and rain. The snow is six inches deep on a level.

Impeachment.

General Butler remarked to-day that he did not see how impeachment could longer be delayed, the action of the Supreme Court having rendered the necessity for it greater than ever.

Not a Finality.

The numerous Southern men here do not feel much encouraged to day by the declaration of the *Chronicle* that the ratification of the amendment will not be a finality as a basis of restoration.

The Capital.

A Committee from the Arkansas Legislature arrived to-night for the purpose of conferring with the President and leading Congressmen on the National situation.

Foreign Ministers Called.

The foreign ministers resident out of Washington have arrived here to participate in the formal New Years call on the President.

The Eighth of January.

The Democratic Executive Committee made arrangements for an extensive celebration here on the Eighth of January. Prominent men in all parts of the country are to be invited to attend.

WASHINGTON, December 31, 1866.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Congressmen are divided in expressions and opinions upon the subject of amendments as a *sine qua non* to the admission of the Southern States. A large number of Republicans assert that they will refuse to make that a basis of admission to all truly loyal members, but these embrace chiefly the conservative wing of the party. The more extreme men are said to be opposed to committing themselves upon the question. It is not improbable that a caucus will be held to-night for the purpose of considering the amendment to the South as a finality.

THE INCOME TAX.

The House Committee of Ways and Means will recommend a modification of the income tax to one thousand dollars a year. The Committee find it impossible to resist the pressure for a modification of the law in this respect, and here are in for a decrease, and will probably succeed in procuring a reduction on some articles.

THE PRESIDENT CONSULTS THE SUPREME JUDGES.

The President is said to have conferred with the Judges of the Supreme Court in reference to the positions assumed by Congress toward the Southern States. When he announced to Commissioner Wells, of Kentucky, that a majority of the Supreme Court would declare the Amendment unconstitutional, he thought he spoke advisedly.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President's ante-room was crowded to-day in spite of the storm. Among the visitors was Vaughan, of North Carolina, late a rebel general. He is on the way to New York on business in relation to gold mining in his state. He has already received a pardon.

BONDS OF DISTILLERS.

An Inspector of Revenue has been specially deputed to examine the bonds of distillers and increase the amount where it is insufficient, or refuse new sureties. When the interests of the Government demand it the bonds of all distillers will be looked into.

PENSIONS.

The Pension Bureau advises those interested of certain changes which will be strictly adhered to in that office. Original applications are numerous, and their receipt acknowledged, and they are acted on in turn, and not taken upon the order of any Member of Congress. The condition of unadjusted claims are not reported, unless they have been filed three months, except in special cases.

THE INDIAN MASSACRE.

A dispatch to the Commissioner of the Indian Bureau confirming the report of the massacre by the Indians near Fort Phil. Kearney, says the United States soldiers went out to give them battle, when they were surrounded and the Indian tribes engaged are said to be the Blackfeet, Sansarcs, Crows, Uncoppas, Cutes, Ogallallas, and other tribes, which have recently become very pacific. No subsequent hostile demonstration was made. Commissioner Dogg thanks the Indians and the tribes that stayed at home, but the colonial dar, mistaking their purpose, a conflict ensued, which terminated so tragically.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS.

Workmen are employed in erecting a platform from the north window of the Executive Mansion, through which the visitors will pass out after seeing the President. Mrs. Senator Patterson and Mrs. Stover will receive with the President. Marshal Gooding and Deputy Marshal Phillips will present the visitors to the President, and Hon. B. B. French will present to the ladies. Secretary Stanton will receive at his residence on I street, between sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. Secretary General Stanley at the Metropolitan Hotel. General Grant at his residence on I street. On account of the recent death of a near relative, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Welles will not receive. Secretary Seward was prostrated on account of the recent death of his daughter.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

There was received at the Treasury Department this morning the following sums of money to be placed in the conscience fund: A draft on the New York State Bank at Albany, for $10 no name or letter given. A draft on the Jefferson State Bank, Steubenville, Ohio, for $20, W. W. Wilson. A draft for $5, United States postmarked Indianapolis, Indiana. A letter signed "Restitution," in which was inclosed $5, in all amounting to $35.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The receipts from Internal Revenue to day were $1,382,739 13.

PERSONAL.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, J. F. Hartley is still very ill with pleuro pneumonia. Colonel Thomas, Q. M. G., military store keeper in this city, who has been for some days lying at the point of death, is now recovering.

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK A. M.

BY THE CABLE.

Case of Frazer, Trenholm & Co.

An International Yacht Race.

The Henrietta and Viking Matched.

Latest English Market Reports.

The Rebel Claims.

LONDON, December 31.—It is stated that Consul Morse declines, as justification for settling the suits against Frazer, Trenholm & Co., and others, written authority from the Treasury Department to arrange all rebel claims in Europe.

International Yacht Race.

LONDON, December 31, Noon.—Bennett's challenge to sail any yacht has been accepted by the Duke of Edinborough with the yacht Viking, around the Isle of Wight, the first week in August next. The Viking is said to be one of the best of the Royal Yacht Club.

The extensive department of tropical productions at Sydenham palace was burned last night, involving a loss of £30,000.

French Foreign Duties.

PARIS, December 31, Noon.—A decree has been formally issued abolishing after the first of January, 1867, all tonnage duties upon vessels arriving at its ports, excepting such vessels built from countries which impose differential duties upon the mercantile marine of France.

The French Transport Fleet.

HAVRE, December 31, Noon.—Thirty transports have sailed from Cherbourg for Vera Cruz. The regulars are under orders to leave by the eighth of January and bring troops to France.

Confederation.

LONDON, Monday evening, December 31.—The Canadian delegates, after conferences with the English Ministry, have finally agreed upon a confederation scheme for the British North American Provinces.

Yankee Guns.

PARIS, December 31, Evening.—*La Liberte* this morning announces that Mr. Winchester, an American gentleman, has received the appointment in the adoption of his new guns into the military and naval service.

Honors to the Yachtsmen

LIVERPOOL, Monday, December 31.—Evening.—The Mersey Yacht Club gave a grand ball in honor of the American yachtsmen.

The Banquet at Cowes.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The *Herald's* special from Cowes, December 30, says yesterday the three yachts, Henrietta, Fleetwing and Vesta, upon invitation of the Queen sailed up Osborne Bay. A new and splendid grand ball room on the beach and spent some time in witnessing the various manœuvres of the yachts As the Henrietta passed by, she salluted it with a wave of the flag and three cheers. A banquet was given by the citizens of Cowes last night. The hall was profusely decorated with British and United States flags, and pictures of the contending yachts, while the halls were hung with mottoes of welcome. Lieut. Gen. Simon, M. P., presided at the entertainment, and the greatest international good feeling prevailed among all. Toasts were drank, amidst great enthusiasm, to the Queen, the President, armies and navies of the United States and Great Britain, peace and prosperity to the United States, and to Old England, the New York Squadron, the health of Mr. J. G. Bennett, Jr., and a host of others of a like character. Major General Seymour, by command of the Queen, expressed her Majesty's interest in the race, and her thanks for their compliments.

Petroleum Markets.

LONDON, December 31.—Refined petroleum, 1s 6d.

ANTWERP, December 31, noon.—Petroleum, 54½ francs.

London Money Market.

LONDON, December 31, 12 M.—There is nothing doing during the holidays. Consols, 89⅛@5 20's, 72¾; Illinois Central Railroad, 79; Erie, 40¾.

LONDON, Noon, December 31.—The following are the closing prices: 5 20's, 72¾; Illinois, 80¾; Erie, 40.

LONDON, Noon, December 31.—The stock market is closed. Five-Twenties, 72¾; Erie, 40¾; Illinois, 80¾.

American Securities at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, December 31, Noon.—5-20s, 76⅝.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, December 31, Noon.—No business of any consequence doing.

LIVERPOOL, December 31, Noon.—The cotton and other markets are closed.

HIGHLY INTERESTING.

NEW YORK, December 31.

FINANCIAL.

The exports of specie for the year, from this port, are sixty-two million five hundred and twenty thousand seven hundred dollars. The bank returns for the whole year show that the gain through the Treasury, from the first of January to $279,000,000 on the 20th of October, the contraction taking place several weeks later than usual. The deposits declined $15,000,000 during January, February and March, and afterwards rising $18,000,000 to the calmulating point.

The circulation has steadily increased from $18,000,000 to $32,000,000. The reserve of legal tenders gradually increased from seventy-two millions to ninety-five millions, subsequently declining to sixty millions by the end of the beginning of this month. The semi annual interest on the public debt, which is now current, exceed fifteen millions. The Treasury will probably sell millions of bonds on Wednesday about ten millions in gold to meet interest on the public debt. There will be about ten millions of bonds sold at the Sub-Treasury here on the 15th proximo. About nine millions will be paid out in currency for interest on the public debt on that day. The Manhattan Company will pay out one million seven hundred thousand dollars on account of New York State. The Ohio State agency will pay three hundred and fifty thousand dollars as interest, and take up four hundred thousand dollars of the principal of the debt of that State. Tennessee will pay here seven hundred thousand dollars of interest on its bonds. There will also be some disbursements here on account of California and Kansas. The Bank of the State of New York will pay interest on the Georgia State bonds.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

A letter from Key West, charges of peculation have been fulminated by Senor D. A. Bergard-United States Consul, against the Ex-Minister of Finance, Don Manuel Pardo, who will be arrayed before the Central Court on a criminal charge. Nothing could be more unjustifiable. Washington will be called upon to answer charges against him as an ex-minister of Pardo's.

CASUALTIES.

There were thirty-five homicides, thirty six infanticides, sixty-one suicides, of the latter twelve being fatal by poison, and one hundred and five took Paris green. Two hundred and thirty seven persons were drowned, and thirty-four deaths resulted from sunstroke.

IMPORTANT SUIT.

Mr. Chilcot, a Republican, has brought action for damages against Governor Cummings, of New Mexico, for refusing to sign the credentials as a certificate of election as delegate to Congress.

SNOW STORM.

A heavy snow storm still prevails.

From Wilmington, N. C.

WILMINGTON, December 31.—The snowstorm here on Saturday and Sunday was the heaviest in twenty years.

Washington Topics and Gossip.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court regarding military trials, and other important decisions to follow, which, it is alleged, will declare the acts of the last two sessions of the Congress unconstitutional, has produced a feeling of alarm. Able jurists in both Houses are seriously considering the propriety of passing a law limiting judicial action to avert serious danger.

A joint committee of the Arkansas Legislature are expected in Washington to-day. Their mission is heralded in advance of them, as an effort to confer with the President, Cabinet and Congress, on the political condition of the country, and to invite a conference with them in the near future. No call has been made on Congress for military protection.

Several members of the Maryland Legislature, who have been in Washington a day or two past, say that Governor Swan's chance of election as United States Senator is very doubtful.

General Sherman arrived at Washington on Saturday night.

The steamer Gettysburg is still aground at Annapolis. The Don has been selected to go in her place to the rescue mission, and it is now reported that General Grant is to accompany the expedition.

Chief Justice Chase has denied the application for a writ of *habeas corpus* for the release of Dr. Mudd.

Union Prayer Meeting.

A call has been issued for a Union Prayer Meeting to be held in the lecture room of the Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Howard's, on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, at 7½ o'clock, preparatory to the services of the week of prayer. The call is signed by the Rev. W. D. Howard, D. D., Old School Presbyterian; Rev. Alexander Clark, Protestant Methodist; Rev. A. G. McClelland, Old School Presbyterian; Rev. J. A. Dickey, United Presbyterian; Rev. E. B. Sayer, Methodist Episcopal; Rev. Thomas X. Orr, Old School Presbyterian; Rev. Herrick Johnson, New School Presbyterian; Rev. Henry D. Moore, Congregationalist; Rev. John McMillan, Reformed Presbyterian; Rev. C. A. Dickey, United Presbyterian. It is earnestly to be hoped that all churches will heartily co-operate in these meetings. It is expected that every church will have its own services during the week of prayer, which is certainly the better plan; but these meetings may serve an important purpose in awakening interest, and in giving unity to spirit.

From Kansas.

ST. LOUIS, December 31.—The *Democrat's* Topeka, Kansas, special says the State officers' annual reports are in the hands of the printers, the total amount outstanding of State bonds is six hundred and four thousand dollars; outstanding State, Territorial and military warrants, fifty-six thousand four hundred dollars. The assets consist of taxes levied and uncollected three hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars, and a claim against the Federal Government for expenditures, etc., while on the side of debt to cancel all indebtedness, leaving a surplus in the Treasury.

The State Superintendent of Common Schools reports fifty four thousand seven hundred and twenty children in the State between five and twenty years of age. The value of school houses is three hundred and nineteen thousand dollars. Bonds issued to the amount of one hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars. There are twelve colleges, academies and universities, and eight that are female.

The Union Pacific Railroad is completed twenty miles beyond Junction City, and the contractors are pushing large quantities of ties and iron to the end of the track for rapid work in the spring and summer.

The Kansas Legislature meets on the 8th of January. Nothing definite is known in regard to the Senatorial election, but Pomeroy will probably be re elected.

From Memphis.

MEMPHIS, December 28.—A special to the *Avalanche* from Little Rock to day says: A party of Indians attacked a wagon train on Duvall's Bluff on the night of the 20 h, shot through the jaws and robbed of a gold watch and fifteen dollars in money. The condition is critical. He had drawn the money in Memphis. He will probably be was followed by the robbers, who arrested.

The body of Captain James A. King, formerly of Illinois, was found floating near Greenville, Mississippi, was found in a corn brake last week. He had been shot through the head with a shot gun. No clue to the assassin.

The city is infested with thieves, who are daily committing depredations.

Two fires occurred yesterday, one on Main and Poplar streets, which destroyed five buildings. A large portion of one block, on Front, who is supposed to have set it on fire. It was fully insured. The other fire this afternoon broke out in J. W. Alexander & Co's store, corner of Union and Main streets, which destroyed the upper portion of the building. The goods were removed with little damage.

From Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 31.—Fred Pulsteaner, charged with arson in September, forfeited his bond and left Louisville. On learning that a warrant was issued against him for forfeiting five or six thousand dollars from Wood & Morgan, whose warrants he refused to endorse, being that his absence had caused his brother to be consigned with complicity with him in the counterfeiting case, to jail in seven thousand dollars to answer.

John Bell, Jr., was arrested to-day on suspicion of having murdered his father on the 22d.

From Boston.

BOSTON, December 31.—A Committee of the Board of Aldermen report in favor of appointing a Commissioner with full power in the expediency of the city manufacturing its own gas.

The *Evening Commercial*, formerly the *Courier*, has suspended publication.

To-morrow will be celebrated as the anniversary of emancipation, Fred. Douglass and Gen. Butler, Phillips and others will speak at Tremont Temple.

From Montreal.

MONTREAL, December 31.—There was a collision on Saturday night between the express and freight train from Lussee's Point and a freight train. The engine driver was killed.

At a fire yesterday the sash factory of Keresha w & Edwards, with a large quantity of machinery and tools, were destroyed. The residence of Hon. James Leslie was burned last night.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, December 31.—A difficulty occurred in Hampton last night. A party of negroes made an attack on a store to forcibly take the death of one who was shot while attempting to steal. They were dispersed by the military.

Delaware Legislature.

WILMINGTON, DEL., December 31.—The Delaware Legislature meets to-morrow. The Democrats have two-thirds of each branch. It is said the Constitutional Amendment will be rejected.

Fire at Ogdensburgh, N. Y.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., December 31.—Yesterday morning a large building occupied by G. E. Ryan, William Lowrey, and Glass & Aims, was burned. Loss heavy; uninsured.

CITY MATTERS.

Interesting Presentation.

Yesterday evening, Robert Anderson, Esq., of the firm of Anderson, Cook & Co., was presented with a splendid two horse sleigh by the employees of the Pittsburgh Steel Works. The presentation took place at the works, corner of Ross and First streets, and the proceedings were of a highly interesting character. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Ingold, whospoke in substance as follows:

Mr. Anderson:—On behalf of the employees of the Pittsburgh Steel Works, I take pleasure in offering to you a slight acknowledgment of the esteem in which you are held by them. Their engagements with the firm of Messrs. Anderson, Cook & Co., have thus far been of the most pleasant nature, and having principally aided in making them so by your gentlemanly appreciation of their humility, they take this method and occasion for wishing you, in return for your kindness, that success ever attendant upon energy and attention to business. We hope that the relations which have so pleasantly grown between us during the past year may continue the unintermitted, and that the firm of Anderson, Cook & Co. may be ever ranked as it now stands among the first in the community. We again call your attention to this trivial earnest of our regard, and wish you a pleasant, happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. Anderson responded briefly. He said that the testimonial of regard and esteem which he had just received was a great surprise, as he had not anticipated such a gift. Coming to the works almost a stranger, and entire stranger, he found a cordial reception, which had ripened into mutual esteem and regard. During the time they had been connected together nothing had occurred to mar the harmony of the establishment. It had ever been his study to cultivate reciprocal feelings between the employees and employer, believing as he did their interests were identical He also felt that he could safely say that any demands made by the employees upon the firm had been met with a spirit of liberality, and that, in fact, he had cordially acceded to any demands made upon them. Mr. Anderson concluded by again thanking the donors for their kind remembrance.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Anderson's remarks the horses were led to the door of Mr. Kennedy's saloon, on Smithfield street, where they partook of an elegant repast. When the cloth was removed no regular toasts were offered, and toasts were drank and songs sang. An adjournment was then had to the Academy of Music, where the party dispersed, the very best of feelings existing between them.

Acknowledgment for Month of December

The subscriber thankfully acknowledges the following donations received during this month: Per Bishop Kerfoot, $20; cash, $5; a member of St. Peter's, $25; a member of St. Peter's, $30; cash, $1 50; Mr. J. A. Scott, $2. Total, $83 50. From a member of St. Peter's, for Christmas turkeys for the poor, $50—used according to wish of donors. From Gen. Pinoman, Mexico, 200 bushels of coal, before acknowledged. Also, since last acknowledgment, Wor

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No paper will be issued from the Commercial office to-morrow.

To conclude there is good ground for report, that the ratification of the Amendment is a growing idea in Virginia, for the Richmond *Enquirer* of which has an elaborate article opposing it.

Gen. Lewis D. Campbell, who set out from Gen. Sherman for Mexico, after ...g about for some time, brought up in New Orleans, where he is sojourning—literally waiting for something to turn up. It is said Gen. Sherman has been ordered to join him there, to be ready for a fresh start at any moment. If the reports are true, nobody in Mexico looks upon this mission without distrust, and it is pretty evident that Gen. Sherman regards the business with disgust. Probably Campbell is well enough suited—as it gives him employment and pretty good pay—to say nothing of a sojourn in New Orleans at this gay and festive season.

What will happen next? They are beginning in the South to speak well of Thad. Stevens! One paper—the New Orleans *Commercial*—even praises him; calls him an honest man; says "it is possible the South has made a mistake in Stevens, as she did in Johnson," and that "we (the South) may find him a better friend than some who bid higher for our influence." What next?

THE NEW YEAR.

...the trite idea seeks to come here ... some attractions of novelty and force. The new Year is formally greeted and inaugurated with congratulations by the pulpit and the press,—fireside conversation and table talk admit the theme to a liberal place in their utterances; the compliments of the season are flavored with reflections on the shortness of years, and even the weather, the favored and unfailing topic, languishes in neglect, as long as the advent of the new year gives stimulus and currency to the well worn sentiments on the rapid flow of time.

Here we are, on the turning point of the years. The great clock has struck once more. Time never stops; it runs on a smooth, level track, without switches or curves; but in our imagination, it gives us a sort of jolt or jog, on New Year's day, as it passes over the dividing line of years. We have just passed the great boundary line, on which, in conspicuous figures, 1866 looks backward over the line of our travel, and 1867 faces in the direction before us.

January has not always been the beginning of the year. But as the opening month in our calendar, its name suggests a seasonable office of morality, religion and business. Janus was a fancy divinity, having double the usual supply of faces, so that he could look backward and ahead at the same time. Retrospection and foresight, even if they were not the real and anticipations of the future, are seasonable exercises at the outset of the New Year. Although the past cannot be lived over again, its remembered experiences may be made efficient auxiliaries in modifying and improving the future. Mistakes may be discovered and the occasions of them avoided in time to come, while new and improved associations may be formed, by the breaking off of bad ones; injurious habits and offensive manners may be corrected; business arrangements may be rendered more convenient, safe and lucrative; domestic affairs may be put upon a more economical, or a more generous, or a more kindly basis. Wise retrospection will both detect the errors of the past and facilitate improvements in the future. Every department of human interests craves these offices and will profit by their performance. Let every person be his own Janus, and progress, advancement and happiness will be his reward, as well for his business as his moral and religious interests. We take the first hour of its first morning to wish the readers of the Commercial a Happy New Year.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Milligan, involving the validity of trials by military Commissions, will be found in the Commercial this morning. It is the decision to which the President lately referred as resting in him the hope and the ground of the expectation that his policy would finally prevail—and it is the decision which has turned loose a large number of criminals and is made the basis for the application for a new trial of Dr. Mudd and his fellow conspirators.

It will be read—especially by the legal portion of the community—with great interest.

LACK OF EMPLOYMENT AND ITS CAUSES.

It is stated in New York papers, that no less than fifteen thousand hands, mostly connected with shipping and ship building business, are out of employment in that city, and also that great numbers of common laborers are without work. Similar reports reach us from other quarters, especially where manufactures are the staple business.

Some of the consequences of such a condition it is easy to foresee. That it will occasion suffering by individuals and families, is unavoidable. In such suffering they will, of course, be the least sharers who have best husbanded the earnings of more prosperous days. And it was in view of our own liability in this vicinity to similar conditions, by the partial prostration of our manufacturing interests at we lately, as we have done before, counseled laborers and employees to live ugally, and lay by their surplus earnings, ad in general, to trim their sails for the ugh weather that might come. This adce, we still hold to be good, and to be yet t season. The condition in New York d elsewhere is a proof of it. What other nsequences may accrue from the lack employment, or whether remedies may resorted to that will prevent all injury improving the condition of business, n only be learned by the developments the future.

...importance at a like condition ... at the causes of it may ...more available than even the consideration of the consequences. Our readers ill not suspect us of being unfavorable enterprise, progress and expansion in usiness matters. The whole tone of the ommercial has been always on the side advancement, but it has been, nevertheless, contemplated under the regimen prudence and sound discretion. And is only in the neglect of these conditions at difficulties, embarrassments and, eventually, disasters are encountered. isiness cannot, in any department, be rmanently forced beyond the actual requirements of the times. A temporary ccess may seem to crown the attempt, t reaction and distress are sure to follow. The necessities of business must be a measure of its extent. Perhaps, nay obably, the present dullness complaint of in some central localities, may be, in rt, attributed to undue extensions. But this can only be admitted, of individual and isolated cases. The business, pecially the manufacturing business of country, is by no means overdone. The st importations of manufactured articles is itself a proof of this, beyond all ntroversy. The supply of our consumn comes in, to a great extent, from foreign countries, the product of foreign labor, d here is where the difficulty of our manufacturers lies. Here they are wholly at the mercy of national legislation, the adequacy of which and the uncertainty which, both embarrass the capital already invested, and also preclude further investment. As long as this uncertainty and insufficiency of legislation continues, the difficulties of our manufacturers must continue until they are constrained to employ their capital in some other way, and ...the supply to be furnished by the foreign labor that drives them from this field of enterprise, and then foreign goods will be supplied at prices to suit foreign capitalists.

Connected close by with this is another source of difficulty. The expense in conducting business may be so disproportionate to its profits, as to render its continuation or suspension absolutely necessary. This applies to rents and charges unavoidable in any business; but it applies with emphatic force to such as embraces the payment of wages to large numbers of people. The general notion, we believe, and the correct one is, that if capitalists employ many hands and make a small profit from the labor of each, they are doing well. But if they make no profit from the labor, and still more, if they lose a little on each hand, prudence obviously dictates either entire suspension or such contraction as may be borne till better conditions occur. In other words, the continuance of business depends on mutual agreements between employers and employed, by which each shall have a just share of the profits, whether they be larger or less. Thus high wages would accompany high profits, and decline as profits decline. The persistence of either party in endeavors to get all the profits, whether it be of the capital or the labor, must issue in the suspension of the business. And this, we apprehend, has been illustrated in New York. The expense of labor may lay so heavy a load on business that it cannot be carried, and consequently business must stop. In foreign countries capital has got the upper hand and wages are low. Competition—strong competion, as our laws now are—arises from this cause in which our labor is fully as much interested as our capital, since it necessarily presents before our capitalists engaged in manufacture, the naked alternative either to lower wages, or to stop the work. High expenses and the competition of cheap labor abroad leave them no choice.

SHALL THERE BE CONSOLIDATION

The wonder is that there should be found a person, who sincerely desires to see Pittsburgh not only prosper, but hold her position among the minor, when actually we should be classed among the principal inland cities of the country. What is really Pittsburgh has a population next to Cincinnati, which is the largest city in the West. The proposed consolidated city would place us ahead of Chicago and St. Louis; and instead of standing among the least, Pittsburgh would at once come to rank among the first of the large cities away from the seaboard.

One would think that the humiliating figure we were made to cut at the last session of Congress, when the Secretary of the Treasury reported Pittsburgh among the least of the manufacturing cities of the country—instead of the third—would have stimulated our local pride and caused us to be united for consolidation. There is no disguising how detrimental to us is the false position we are made to occupy—the publication and continued republication of statistics which so grossly misrepresent us. An English book recently published makes us but a respectable village, because the author drew his information from records which ignored the fact that what is called Pittsburgh is but a small part of what really is Pittsburgh. Does a citizen of Allegheny, when traveling, register himself from that borough; from Birmingham, or Lawrenceville, or Sligo? Are not all the trade marks "Pittsburgh?" Do we not thus concede the whole question? Indeed, we do not understand that anybody really disputes the benefits to arise from consolidation—it is something imaginary, about taxes, and witches and the like, that has caused some persons to doubt and even oppose the measure. It is probable that at the time Pittsburgh emerged from a village to a city corporation there were those to oppose it,—and could they have had their way, we would be a village still. Some persons are so anti-progressive—so fearful of moving forward—that they would stand forever in the shoes of their ancestors. Consolidation is a grand improvement—and one might as well oppose any public improvement—City Railways—Water works—anything that keeps pace with the rest of the world in the march of civilization, as the consolidation of these separate communities—together one Pittsburgh.

There is nothing in the idea that should startle any one. It is nothing new. Scores of cities have consolidated—and dated their prosperity therefrom. All cities and boroughs—situated as we are—consolidate and become one. None have yet failed to do so. Shall we alone refuse?

The details can be easily managed. The difficulties are mostly imaginary, and, compared with the benefits, are not to be thought of. As well might the boy when grown to man's stature doubt the propriety or dispute the expense of clothing himself as a man. To undertake to be a boy still, would only bring him into ridicule and prove an effectual barrier to his doing anything as a man.

IRISH NEWS—FANCY AND FACT.

After a little delay, through derangement of the overland telegraph lines, we have had cable news, of unusual fullness and variety, which was given to the readers of the Commercial yesterday morning. We revert to it, to notice the strong illustration which the news from Ireland presents, of the contrast that sometimes exists between realities and the expectations of excited fancy. A portion of the Celtic race in this country have been wide awake for news of the rising in Ireland, predicted by prophet Stephens as sure before the end of the year. The lightning of communication just at this time occasioned a most provoking state of suspense—the very thing to set the fancy to work. The New York *Herald*—rather imaginative always—expresses the following, among others, as a possible cause of the mysterious and inopportune silence of the telegraph: "Has a rising in Ireland resulted in the cutting of the cable by England or by the Feinians?"

Under the influence of fantastic activity of the Celtic imagination, telegrams were accumulating at the Newfoundland Station, which have already shown our readers, that the cable was "all right," and also that Ireland was all quiet. The telegram of Saturday, from the good city of Dublin, says that affairs in Ireland are generally quiet and two regiments of troops now here are soon to return to England. So much for fancy and so much for fact.

Where Stephens is and what he is doing, does not appear to be a matter of any interest or inquiry. General Millen, says the Liverpool telegram, for years connected with the Fenians, denounces Stephens as a humbug and cheat. That is all that is said about him. But it is evident, that his glowing representations of the prospects of revolution in Ireland are mere fancy sketches. The impracticability of the entire movement in that direction, arises from causes existing in Ireland itself. The new government, contemplated would be as offensive to half the people as the British Government is to the other half. And consequently they are more than indifferent, they are directly hostile to the whole scheme.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN PHILADELPHIA.

The removals and appointments by the President in the leading departments of the public service in Philadelphia, have been followed by loud complaints of incompetency and almost universal inefficiency. The *Bulletin* of that city avers that "in the Postoffice Department the delivery of letters has become a matter of such uncertainty that no sort of dependence can any longer be placed on it;" that since the new Postmaster, who as a friend of Mr. Johnson, was brought from the interior, "is perfectly ignorant of his duties and the wants of the community, and his subordinates are no better fitted for their duties than their chief." It it would help the matter, Philadelphia might take comfort from the fact that she is not alone in this sort of misery.

In the Custom House, the same paper declares, matters are still worse, and "a full statement of the manner in which Mr. Johnson's new appraisers are doing or rather muddling their work every day would be laughable, if it were not for the gravity of the interests at stake." It is asserted that "valuable cargoes are placed in the hands of men as innocent of any knowledge of what is to be done with them as an unborn babe." The loss consequent on this state of things, it is said, "can neither be described nor calculated."

This is a strong indictment and an investigation will doubtless be made of the facts.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Recent law journals have contained reports of suits of great interest to bankers. A party in Quebec who sought to recover of a bank for amount said by him to have been short paid on check, of course lost his case because he did not count the money before he left the bank. In the absence of a safe deposit company in Boston, a late suit between a depositor and a New Orleans national bank is of great interest to our capitalists. A trunk, containing $7,500, was left in care of a bank, and by it was delivered without orders from the owner to the legitimate son of the depositor. The son absconded and spent the money. The bank, in defense, claimed that they had reason to believe that the party to whom they delivered the trunk had authority to act for the owner, and, in addition, denied their responsibility on the ground that it received no compensation for the care of the lost property. The judge ruled that the delivery was a case of negligence, and that the bank must be held responsible for the carelessness of its officials.

The number of emigrants arrived at New York from January 1 to December 28, 1866, was 227,346. The arrivals last year to the same date were 192,935. The receipts of the Commissioners of Emigration, including a balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year, have been $604,104 17; the expenditures for the emigrants were $509,271 10.

The House Committee on Ways and Means has under consideration certain amendments to the internal revenue tax list. One of these amendments reduces the tax on cotton, which is especially objectionable to the South, and to the merchants in the Atlantic cities. On the other hand, it is asserted that, of the $100,000,000 raised during the last fiscal year from customs and internal revenue, the South paid not little except in the cotton tax of $20,000 000.

In New York, about ten days ago, a young man left his wife in Moore street, and said he would return in a short time and go to the Masonic Fair with her. He did not come back, and the coroners, the police and the dead house, were consulted in vain day after day, and telegrams of inquiry sent to distant friends. A few days ago the wife received a dispatch from New Orleans, saying that he went on board of a New Orleans steamer to see how she looked, and while on board she sailed.

In Canton, lately, a young lady hanged herself because her husband scolded her for giving away sixteen dollars in charity. The person for whom the money was intended did not get it, and she poisoned herself in her vexation, and a third person who had intercepted the sixteen dollars, hearing that his dishonesty had caused the death of two others, threw himself into a well.

The firm of Dillie & Son, of Troy, safe makers, has failed, though it is hoped it may prove to be only a temporary suspension. The liabilities are $550 000, and the assets $60,000. During last summer the concern employed three hundred men, whose monthly pay amounted to $50,000, and the daily productions were valued at $2,000. The immediate occasion of the present embarassments is said to be the purchase of lands, mines, furnaces and machines at Reigelsville, Pa., about a year ago.

Depression in Musical Enterprises.—There is a marked and universal depression in musical enterprises in our country. The best talent, whether in opera or concert, fail to insure for managers recognition from the public. Maretzek, with a choice opera troupe, has just closed an unsuccessful season in New York, and gone to the lesser cities. The French troupe in New York are not meeting with success, and the concert givers, there and elsewhere, make the same complaint.

Great Natural Curiosity.—A California letter says: Everybody has heard of our great Yo Semite Falls 1,300 feet nigh. A still greater wonder has been recently discovered on the South Fork of the Tuolumne river—In the shape of falls 700 feet higher than the Yo Semite—presenting the magnificent panorama of a fall of a large volume of water a distance of 2,000 feet, Niagara must look to her laurels.

Louisiana Sugar Crop.—The New Orleans *Times* says the sugar crop of Louisiana this year will reach fifty thousand hogsheads, against sixteen thousand last year; that only extraordinary obstacles will prevent a production of one hundred thousand next year, and that the old average of four hundred and fifty thousand hogsheads will be restored in three years.

COLORADO.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

In previous articles were briefly sketched its geographical situation, physical characteristics, resources in gold, silver, pastoral and arable agriculture. An interesting article might be written upon her other sources of wealth. Copper exists in great abundance, and as a sulphuret is present in nearly all the gold-bearing lodes; and in like condition, and as a carbonate in distinct veins by itself. Iron ore is in boundless profusion, both spathic and magnetic, and apparently inexhaustible deposits of a semi-bituminous coal, and both in close proximity to the mines of the precious metals. Galena ore is found in distinct veins of great strength, as is also argentiferous galena. Fire-clay and lime stone in unlimited quantity, also, soap stone. Petroleum, one well alone furnishing sufficient for the consumption of the entire community. Salt also is manufactured, springs being numerous. Hot and cold soda springs, ditto sulphur, are found in different localities, some of which being improved, are made the resort of invalids and pleasure seekers. Other minerals are frequently met with, as agate, actinolite, alabaster, alunite, Amazon stone, amethyst, anhydrite, aventurine quariz, &c., &c., from which may be obtained

"Many a gem of purest ray serene."

The streams of the plains abound in many varieties of fish, and the limpid mountain waters are alive with trout. Vast herds of buffalo graze within her borders. Thousands of antelope, and *ciamie* jack rabbits, gambol upon her plains, whilst elk, black tailed deer, bison and mountain sheep, with enough of cinnamon bears and mountain lions to give zest to the hunter's sport, feed in the valleys and parks of her mountains. A climate unsurpassed for salubrity, tonic and invigorating, destitute of humidity and possessing every variety of temparature, excepting the torrid. From every consideration, climatic and material, that constitute fitness for the abode of man, it is unsurpassed.

No picture of Colorado is complete, however ...palling. Their early and persistent appreciation of the great prize they possess, savors of prescience. Justice cannot be done them in one short article. Enterprising and intelligent, an intense spirit of nationality has distinguished them. When the Congress of 1860–'61 gave them an Organic Act, providing for the regular organization of civil government, they cheerfully surrendered the one they had created for themselves, and established the new one. Found occupying the valleys of the plains, and the declivities of the mountains, engaged in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture and mining at the outbreak of the unnatural rebellion, with the tocsin of war sounded, with hearts and hands, they declared for the *old flag*.

Under the civil and military leadership of Gov. Gilpin and Colonel, now Gen. Slough, a regiment of her adventurous spirits was at once organized, and none too soon, as subsequent events proved. The leading men of the rebel Government had formed a correct estimate of the immense mineral value of the Rocky Mountain system, and none more so than Jeff. Davis himself. In addition of the great material advantage its acquisition would be to his Confederacy as a source of supply of the precious metals, and as an element of temptation in his diplomacy with foreign powers, the directly pernicious effect of a cutting in twain of the North geographically, separating the people of the Pacific States and Territories—them thought to be friendly to the rebellion—from those of the Atlantic, was also clearly perceived by him. Accordingly the winter of 1861 and '62 found General Sibley with a force of upwards of 3,000 Texan troops quietly marching from Texas upon New Mexico and Colorado, expecting an easy prey. Encountering General Canby in the former territory, with 1,999 regulars and four regiments of New Mexican troops, he defeated them, and after formally taking possession of the capitol, Santa Fe, was preparing to march upon Fort Union, containing several millions of public stores, and defended by a few companies of Union soldiers, only, when he got wind of Macedonia for help. Colonel Slough was ordered to march with his regiment of infantry to the rescue. Improvising a transportation train "whose like we never shall see again," without tents or blankets—for the weather, his regiment in five days marched one hundred and seventy-two miles, and with 400 additional troops precipitated themselves upon General Sibley's victorious forces, and defeating them in two pitched battles, sent them "whirling" out of the Territory, and down the Rio Grande, thus saving For Union with its millions of stores, rescuing New Mexico from the grasp of the Confederacy, and preventing the Territorial dismemberment of the Republic, and the accomplishment of the pet scheme of the rebel leaders. Two other regiments were afterwards raised, altogether making over three thousand soldiers contributed by a community of less than thirty thousand souls. No portion of our common country can justly claim a more brilliant record. Thus much in brief of their martial prowess.

Their peaceful pursuits were no less victorious. Agriculture flourished, and smiling, fruitful fields blessed the labor of the husbandman. The everlasting *hills*, whose stupendous forms had maintained an gloomy silence through *ultimo* of years, now made musical with the busy hum of human industry, were ransacked and made to give up their hidden wealth. Towns were built and habitations arose everywhere. Lines of intercommunication were opened over roads constructed at great cost. Artificial water courses were made to aid agriculture and mining. Workshops and manufactories were located, schools and churches established, and institutions of learning founded, and during all this time a large emigrant wagon fete, surrounding them on every side, had to be watched, and at times chastised. Their labor secured many times as ill-fated as was that of Sisyphus. Floods would come, and devastation and destruction would destroy the result of months. Fires would, in the twinkling of an eye, blot out the works of years, but undismayed, new labors would soon replace them with more substantial works and edifices.

A decade of years has not witnessed their labors, but in that short time, they have been schooled in that best of schools, adversity, and have laid the foundation for a great and growing future, which is destined to be as permanent as their mountains, and as fruitful as their valleys.

PERSONAL.

—Senator Sprague and wife have returned from their European tour, thus contradicting the rumors that she had left his bed and board, and that he had followed here solely to obtain the requisite documents for a divorce. Certainly, to all appearances, they are a most affectionate couple, and her father, Chief Justice Chase, who resides with them, pronounces the divorce story an unfounded slander. Mrs. Sprague has, of course, brought back a Parisian wardrobe, which is the admiration of her female acquaintances. The waists, they say, are short; the skirts are gored, fitting almost tightly below the belt, and then becoming so much larger that there is a long train, all of the breadths being richly trimmed.

Senator Guthrie, of Kentucky, who is detained from Washington by severe illness, is improving. On Christmas day he walked out for the first time.

—M'me Ristori has written her friends in Europe that her intentions are to remain twelve months in America; upon her return to Europe she will bid farewell to the stage, and make Florence her home. The palace she is building on the Lung Arno will then be completed. This building is an elegant and yet severe style, suited with the austere genius of the tragic muse. In a frieze between pilasters of two different orders of architecture she is represented in her most celebrated parts.

—The amenities of politics in Nevada are rather peculiar. On Thanksgiving day, Mr. Winters, late Democratic candidate for Governor, got boozy, and announced his ability and willingness to whip any black Republican, whereupon he was soundly thrashed by State Comptroller Nightingill.

—A Washington gossip says: It seems odd on looking over the Congressional directory to see the (*) asterisk which denotes a wife against the name of Charles Sumner, who has always been regarded as an incorrigible old bachelor. Yet he has gone and done it, and has exchanged his chambers for a handsome house on I street, where he dispenses good cheer at an admirably appointed dinner table to his friends. The diplomats say that his wines are the best in Washington, that his cook is a *cordon bleu*, and that his table is served in true Parisian style. Who would have ever thought it? Now we may expect to see Mr. Anthony follow suit—indeed the correspondents have said that he is engaged, but the ladies doubt it. A very charming *demoiselle* lives in State of Rhode Island, however, who has been one of the congressional belles here during the past two seasons, has been wooed and won by a gallant gentleman from the same State who served on the staff of Gen. Burnside during the war.

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...a pillow or stone o'the li ne of the Blest,
...angels descending to dwell with us here,
...mbrel and "Corinth" and "China" and rear

...erts are not dead, not under the sod,
...ne breaths can blow open to Heaven and
...r Street" leads by a bright golden road,
...to the hymns that in harmony flow?
...sweet human psalms to the old fashioned
...ir,
...ir that sang alto—the girl that sang air!
...ing in his praise," the minister said;
...alm books at once fluttered open at "York."
...heir long dotted wings in the words that lie
...
...leader leaped into the tune just ahead,
...duly picked up the key note with a fork
...vicious old viol went growling along
...eals of the girls, in the rear of the song.

...ot a wing—did no gentle come,
...onderful web from Arabian loom,
...no again up the river of Time,
...e would was in rhythm and life was its
...ne;
...e dream of the years flowed so noiseless and
...ow,
...as it there floated the song of a sparrow,
...ng of freem ov'rawdy darlies me there,
...d village church and the old village choir,
...er of the floor my body slowly swung
...ed the sweet pulse of the praise as they
...g.
...tiory aslant the afternoon sun
...s rath n of gold to God's temple begun'
...smile at the nasals of old Deacon Brawl,
...owed by scent, till he ran the tune down,
...ister Green with more goodness than grace,
...fell on the tunes as she stood in her pace
...re "Coro...sion" easy notes flows,
...reach the high tunes on the tip of her toes!
...ld of the tear there went with their song,
...e choir and chorus together belong—
...ster! Let me hear them again—
...Shall, forever amen!"

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...Boston Journ...
...ising from a... ...e following
...lectures at... ...court at the pres...
...e," in 1855 a decree was issued,
which 2,000 monasteries and nun...were broken up. These institu...
...d an annual income from invested ...y amounting to $730,000, and which ...living to 4,726 priests, monks and ...One hundred and eighty-two of ...tablishments had no revenue, but ...elter to 3,145 monks, who went ...or to door begging their bread. ...t it be remembered, was in the ...m of Sardinia alone. The law ...which this property was taken by ...e provided that it should be de...o the education of the people, and ...law was passed establishing a sys...ublic instruction, and also a port...the Ministry, placing the edu...f the people in charge. ...xecution of this decree brought the ...f the Pope upon Victor Emanuel, ...was the beginning of a new era for ...The school system of the United ...nd of Prussia were consulted, pro...l gentlemen were sent to America, ...ought back school-books which ...en translated into Italian, and are ...use in the public schools of the ...n.
...vears passed, bringing the strug...50—the short, decisive campaign, ...ng at Magenta and ending at Sol...y which the Austrians were push...f Lombardy; followed by the rev...in Tuscany, Naples—or the Two ...as that Kingdom was called—and ...es of the Church, all of which, ...exception of the present territory ...Pope, were annexed to Sardinia. ...k more correctly, we should say, ...Constitution and King of Sardinia ...peied by the people of these king...ld duchies, and that Italy became

...s at that time was ground to pov...l degradation between two milli...hat of the Bourbon King and the ...hurch. Which ground hardest it ...it to say. The King was a despot ...ant; he was, however, but one ...hile those ecclesiastics who lived ...s people were numbered by thou...There were 1020 establishments for ...ntaining 13,611 monks, of whom ...re mendicants. The remaining ...d an annual revenue of $936,000. ...tion there were 272 nunneries, ...ng 8,001 nuns, having an annual ...from invested property, of $650,000, ...a total annual income of one ...eight hundred and eighty thou...llars, consumed by 12,715 men and ...who were non-producers in the ...ity, and who, however frequent ...ayers may have been, gave only ...and the coming of locusts in re...th, perhaps, on the part of the ...casional nursing to the sick. ...aluation of this property is estima...bout fifty million dollars. Fifty ...will build fourteen hundred miles ...ad, at the rate of thirty five thous...rs per mile—the average cost of ...the United States. It would cost ...from the St. Paul to the Columbia ...d bring Boston within twenty-...rs of Shanghai. This in various ...d all been obtained from the ...and was used solely for the benefit ...ses named, who controlled it in...nt of the State. ...sides these twelve thousand well ...ons were the mendicants—nearly ...ousand beggars—who spent their ...veling from door to door. Another ...d I saw a number of these mendi...Venice, men in dirty grey cloaks, ...ieces of rope round the waist, bare...bare feet, with bags on their ...rs filled with potatoes, pieces of ...urnips, cabbages, or whatever the ...pens, hucksters and women had ...to give. A filthier set I never have

...e not to confound the convents and ...ies with the churches, which are ...ed of almost fabulous wealth. The ...n the valuation of the property of ...dom gives the total annual reve...be colleges, chapters and churches ...en million two hundred thousand ...

Let this be capitalized at four ...and we have an investment of ...een hundred million *dollars*, ...d controlled by the Roman ...Italy, not *including* the enor...th seen *unlaid at Rome!* This ...qual to four-fifths of the present ...ebt of the United States, the ...which has been taken from the ...various methods. ...e possible to conceive of the ...and debasement of the people ...onstitution of Sardinia was ex...Naples and the States taken ...hurch. Those provinces which ...under the Pope were lowest ...h scale. In that territory, ac...the census of 1861, of every 1,...ons, 912 could neither read nor ...oughout the whole of the Basil...ipalies, more than nine-tenths ...e were neither able to read or ...ment stands highest of all the ...in the scale of intelligence, ...here, 573 out of every 1,000 are ...and or write. ...g to the census of 1864, out of a ...ation of 21,703,810, there were on...who could read and write! ...a country where the Roman Ro...the only religion. Education ...in the hands of the priests, ...nuns, who were under the ju...the Pope, and who were inde...e State. In Naples alone there ...arge parishes which had no ...the few schools which were in ...re taught by men who were ...s most elementary knowledge. ...be understood as saying that ...an priests are ignorant and ...ng on the contrary many ...learned and accomplished, but ...e not found teaching common ...y occupy high positions in the ...ecclesiastical colleges. ...shend the condition of Italy as ...ears ago, we must compare it ...nited States of 88 the United ...d be if it were like Italy. Im...w England, New York, New ...nsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illi...Michigan to have less than one ...schools, and all the people of ...every man, woman and child ...e to read or write—seven-tenths ...utter ignorance, and you will ...adition of Italy! Churches by ...d, priests without number, but ...s, newspapers and printing ...e a e to take all these things ...eration, if we would rightly ...the condition of the Italy of ...are to keep in mind also that ...vilization of the Roman church.

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PREMIUMS RECEIVED from November 1st, 1865, to October 31st, 1866:
On Marine and Inland Risks, $602,779 64
On Fire Risks, 139,041 79
$742 162 13
Premiums on Policies not marked off November 1st, 1865, 276 964 47
$1 019 126 90
PREMIUMS MARKED OFF as earned from November 1st, 1865, to October 31st, 1866.
On Marine and Inland Risks, $504,189 78
On Fire Risks, 128,932 14
$633 121 90
Interest during the same period—Sundry, &c., 37,747 83
$670 839 73
LOSSES, EXPENSES, &c., during the year as above:
Marine and Inland Navigation Losses, $376,319 66
Fire Losses, 97,597 81
Return Premiums, 46,529 79
Re-Insurances, 54,624 84
Agency charges, Advertising, Printing and Stationery, 33,197 90
Taxes—U. S. Tax on Premiums, Policy Stamps, &c., 18,570 10
Expenses, 14,070 72
$578 179 84
$192 659 41

*This is exclusive of the amount reserved for Taxes on Dividends and Profits.

ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, November 1, 1866.

$100,000	United States 7 30 Per Cent. Loan, 1874	$114 000 00
120,000	United States 7 30 Per Cent. Loan, 1867	136 500 00
200,000	Old and Funded 7 3 10 Per Cent. Treasury Notes	211,500 00
125,000	City of Philadelphia Six Per Cent. Loan, (exempt)	126,562 50
54,000	State of Pennsylvania Six Per Cent. Loan	54 700 00
16,000	State of Pennsylvania Five Per Cent. Loan	14 620 00
50,000	State of New Jersey Six Per Cent. Loan	50,750 00
20,000	Pennsylvania Railroad 1st Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	20 500 00
25,000	Pennsylvania Railroad 2d Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	24,250 00
25,000	Western Pennsylvania Railroad Six Per Cent. Bonds, Guaranteed by the State of Pennsylvania	20,750 00
30,000	State of Tenn see Five Per Cent. Loan	18 000 00
7,000	State of Tennessee Six Per Cent. Loan	5,040 00
15,000	300 shares stock Germantown Gas Company, principal and interest guaranteed by the City of Philadelphia	15,000 00
7,150	143 shares stock Pennsylvania Railroad Co.	8 258 45
5,000	100 shares stock North Pennsylvania R. R. Co.	3,950 00
*20,000	80 shares stock Philadelphia and Southern Mail Steamship Company	20,000 00
195,900	Loans secured by Bond and Mortgage, first liens on city property	195,900 00
$1,645,050	Par. Market value, Cost, $1,630,552 05.	$1,070,289 75
	Real Estate	36,000 00
	Bills Receivable for Insurances made	217,637 23
	Balances due at Agencies: Premiums on Marine Policies, Accrued interest and other debts due the Company	38,923 98
	Scrip and stock of sundry Companies, more than Companies, $5,173 00. Estimated value	2,530 00
	Cash in Banks	41,316 26
	Cash in Drawer	447 34
		41,549 60
		$1,407,341 36

*This being a new enterprise, the Par is assumed as the market value.

PHILADELPHIA, November 14, 1866.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a CASH DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. on the CAPITAL STOCK and SIX PER CENT interest on SCRIP, payable on and after the 1st December proximo, free of National and State Taxes.

They have also declared a SCRIP DIVIDEND of FIFTEEN PER CENT. on the CAPITAL STOCK PREMIUMS for the year ending October 31, 1866, certificates of which will be issued to the holders thereof, on and after the 1st December proximo, free of National and State Taxes.

They have also declared a SCRIP CERTIFICATE OF PROFITS on the Company for the year 1862, payable on and after the 1st December proximo, and after 1st December proximo, all interest thereon to cease from that day.

☞ No certificate of profits issued under $25. By the Act of Incorporation, no dividend shall be made unless claimed within two years after the declaration of the dividend whereof it is evidence.

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CITY MATTERS.

TERM EXPIRED.—James Martin, who was convicted on a charge of assault and battery at the present term of Court, and who was sentenced to fifteen days imprisonment in the county jail, was released yesterday from that institution, his term of sentence having expired.

RELEASED ON BAIL.—John McCoy, who was committed to the County Jail on the 27th ult., on a charge of larceny from the Diamond Market, was released yesterday, having secured necessary bail to appear at court and answer the charge.

UNION SKATING PARK.—The profile of this Park on Wednesday and Thursday will be given for the benefit of the charitable institutions of Pittsburgh and Allegheny cities. It is the desire of the directors, that the citizens of both cities will patronize the Park largely on those days. Come one, come all.

BAILEY'S NEW STOCK BOARD.—By reference to advertisement in our columns this morning, it will be observed that this new arrangement goes into effect on Thursday, January 3d, at the Board of Trade Rooms, at 12:30 o'clock, at which time and thereafter on Tuesdays and Thursdays at same hour (as well as on each Friday evenings) a regular call of stocks will be made.

NEW YEAR'S AT SALEM, OHIO.—The young men of Columbiana county will have a grand ball and supper this evening, at the Broadway Hotel, Salem. The host of the Broadway, C. H. Cornwell, is an excellent caterer, and the banquet will be a fine affair. Parties from the city desiring to attend this pleasant affair, can reach Salem by the two O'clock P. M. train of to-day.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—This excellent institution, closed during the holidays, will re-open on Wednesday morning, thus affording an excellent opportunity to those who desire to enter. Two new teachers, very highly recommended for experience and utility, will then enter upon their duties. The College was never more prosperous or worthy of patronage.

FIRES FOR THE MONTH.—From the report of Samuel T. Paisley, Esq., Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, we learn that the number of fires during the month was thirty-one, ten of which were the work of incendiaries. The losses during the same time were $50,510, and the insurance $28,980.—Fleming & Torrence, Third street, being the heaviest sufferers. ber of blows struck by the alarm bell

The fair for the benefit in progress ... Stores ... and has ... It will be ope... usual, and will close o... Fire on the fireman's farm ... Columbia, 322; Vigilant, 186; Eva, 29; Niagara, 5. The vote by the harnes... Duquesne, 240; Allegheny, 141.

FURTHER HEARING.—Wm. Robinson and John Hugo, who were arrested some days since on a charge of stealing a pocket book containing six hundred dollars, from Mr. Luther Dickson, of Lawrence county, at Rush's hotel, had a hearing before Mayor McCarthy yesterday afternoon. Hugo who has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as fireman for several months past, succeeded in proving his innocence of the charge and was discharged, but Robinson is still held in custody.

BE ARRESTED.—James Henderson, aged twenty years, was committed to the House of Refuge about eight months ago, for incorrigibility. About a month after he was imprisoned he escaped from the Refuge, and although efforts were made to ferret him out, he could not be found. Since his escape it was ascertained that Henderson had made several trips down the river on a steamboat. On Sunday the officers of the Refuge artrld-ed officer John B. Sarber, of the independent police force that young Henderson had returned and was at his father's house in Manchester. The officer accordingly made his appearance at Mr. Henderson's house on Sunday night, and by representing himself as another party, succeeded in obtaining an interview with young Henderson, whom he at once took into custody and remanded to the House of Refuge.

A Splendid Opportunity for Holiday Purchasers.

At the present season a great deal of money changes hands. Holiday purchases are invariably extensive, and people would save a great many dollars every year if they would buy judiciously. Now, at the great bazaar of T. A. McClelland, Nos. 55 and 57 Fifth street, our readers will find one of the best assortments in the city. Every lady and gentleman, and every girl and boy, ought to make their appearance during the holidays with well and comfortable boots or shoes upon their feet, and no dealer in the city insures an extensive and desirable variety of boots, shoes, gaiters, etc., equals them at such reasonable prices, as T. A. McClelland. Our readers will find, also, a large and full assortment of dry goods, blankets, housekeeping goods, etc., for winter use at McClelland's, of the best fabrics, and cheap for cash. Go and examine them.

Beautiful and Rare Jewelry Goods.

We notice that Messrs. Reineman, Meyran & Sieder, Nos. 42 Fifth street, who are well known as the leading jewelry firm in Pittsburgh, are disposing of a very extensive collection of ware, beautiful and valuable goods in their line, which we hope our readers will not fail to examine before making their purchases. In the holiday gift season, however ... collection of ... ware, toilet ware, &c., and in the jewelry department proper, is unsurpassed by any variety of jewelry of all descriptions. We must mention, too, their rules experiment, in which our readers will find watches, fine gold chains, and all the best manufactures in the world, including the celebrated and now universally popular American Watch.

Bastcat.

We are authorized to announce the performance by the Pittsburgh Choral Union, on the 8th proximo, of the Oratorio of "The Creation." The Academy of Music has been secured for the purpose, and with the large accessions which have been made to the society within the past year, a musical treat of no ordinary character may be anticipated. The "Creation"—one of the most finished and glorious of Haydn's works, abounds in vocal numbers of surpassing grandeur, in which its chief attractions form a fitting counterpart. It will be produced under the direction of Prof. Hike in a manner worthy of its work. A full orchestra, with Prof. Manning as leader, will furnish the accompaniment, and the vocal solos will be given by Messrs. Langhin and Brown, soprano Messrs. Kerns and Snodgrass, bass solos, and Mr. McCandless and Miss Bell in duets. The character of Adam will be sustained by Mr. Singley. The chorus, in which the full choir will be increased force, which has been under careful training for the work. The efforts of the "Union" to place Pittsburgh on an equality with other cities as a musical point of view, should receive, as they deserve, the hearty cooperation of this community.

Dry Goods for the Season.

Mr. William Semple, of Nos. 180 and 182 Federal street, Allegheny city, is prepared to offer good bargains in dry goods during the present holiday season. With a discrimination that characterizes all his business transactions, Mr. Semple has made immense additions to his previously large stock, and his purchases being upon a cash basis, he is enabled to offer goods at prices which cannot fail to astonish his customers. His assortment of flannels, blankets, plaids, merinoes, cloths, cassimeres, shirts, gloves, hosiery, hubbs, shirtfronts, etc., etc., is unusually full, and select of with a view to sell at the lowest figures. The entire stock has been replenished with a liberal hand, and will be kept full; arrangements having been made whereby fresh and season able goods will be received from the eastern cities daily. The attention of readers is also called to the assortments as every article that they may require can be secured as cheap as at any house in the city. Persons desiring to procure dry goods to-day should give Mr. Semple a call.

The Compliment to Manager Hess.

It will not be forgotten during the present holiday festivities, that the complimentary benefit tendered to E. D. Hess, the manager of the New Opera House, will take place to-morrow evening. We are gratified to learn that such is the interest manifested in the success of this deserved testimonial that a large number of tickets have already been sold, and seats secured, and that the audience promises to be composed of the elite and intelligence of the city. This is as it should be. Mr. Hess has given the patrons of the drama an honorable class of plays, admirably presented and excellently performed, and it is proper he should have a first class audience to bid him farewell. We can only say of the bill announced for performance to-morrow evening, that it is extraordinarily attractive. The cast of the play of "Jane Shore" is a very good one, and an excellent performance may be anticipated. Manager Henderson's company will perform a very amusing farce, and they will do it in capital style. Seats may be secured at the Opera House to-day and to-morrow, and it is not unlikely every seat in the house will be disposed of by noon of Wednesday.

Police Items.

BEFORE ALDERMAN MORROW.—William Keiser appeared yesterday and made an information before Alderman Morrow, of the Eighth Ward, charging David Acar with false pretense. The prosecutor alleged that in November, 1865, Acar obtained from him fourteen dollars worth of coal, by representing that he would pay him, and that he had a farm, all of which was false. The accused was arrested, but the prosecutor failing to substantiate the charge, the case was dismissed. Mrs. Annie Biers made oath charging Stewart Biers, her husband, with desertion. The parties live at Woodville, this county, and were married the past fall. Mrs. Biers alleges that the deserted her and her husband has deserted her and refused to provide for her support although he is possessed of the means. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. Frederick Rech was charged with assault and battery of the peace, on oath of David Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson was Inspector at the primary election in the Eighth ward on Saturday evening, and alleges that Rech came there and attempted to vote. The vote was refused on account of Rech being a resident of the Sixth ward, when the latter struck through the window at Mr. Hutchinson, threatened to whip him when he came out, and used violent epithets toward him. The accused has not yet been arrested.

BEFORE ALDERMAN LYNCH.—Hugh McVay lodged an information before Alderman Ely. Lynch, of the Third ward, yesterday, charging John Waldier, proprietor of the Drovers' House, in the Ninth ward, with selling liquor on Sunday, November 11th, contrary to the act of Assembly. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

BEFORE BURGESS SALISBURY.—Mrs. Annie M. Bowan was before Burgess J. Salsburry, of Birmingham, yesterday, charged with larceny on oath of John Erbe. The defendant was formerly employed as a domestic in the family of the prosecutor in Baldwin township, and is charged with having, during the month of July last, stolen from the house a pocket-book containing twenty eight dollars. The pocket-book was afterwards found in her possession, with eight dollars of the stolen money in it. Mrs. Bowman made an information against her husband, George Bowman, for desertion, alleging that since August last he has deserted her and refused to provide or support. Mrs. Bowman was held in five hundred dollars bail for trial on the charge of larceny, and her husband was held in the same amount for trial on the charge of desertion. George procured the bail, but Annie failed to give, and was committed to jail.

The City Councils.

The regular monthly meeting of the Select and Common Councils of this city were held last evening.

SELECT COUNCIL.

Present, Messrs. Armstrong, Barckley, Brown, Coffin, Corwin, Herdman, Lowry, McLaughlin, Morrow, Norwine, Phillips, Shipton, Thompson, White, Wilson, and President McAuley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President McAuley vacated the chair in favor of Mr. Corwin, and after a few brief and fitting remarks, eulogistic of our late fellow citizen, William Eichbaum, Esq., City Treasurer, offered the following resolutions of condolence and respect:

Resolved, That the members of the Select and Common Council, of the city of Pittsburgh, have heard with feelings of unaffected sorrow and regret, of the death of William Eichbaum, Esq., one of our oldest citizens, and one who for very many years, by the votes of his fellow citizens, filled the honorable and highly responsible office of City Treasurer—an office, the duties of which he performed with honor to himself and fidelity to the interests of the community, which we represent in these Councils.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Eichbaum, the city has lost an honest, upright and faithful officer, and the community one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, a gentleman justly entitled to the confidence and respect which he so long enjoyed.

Resolved, That the clerks of Councils be instructed to forward to the family of the deceased a certified copy of these resolutions.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Dr. Gallaghar presented a petition from the lady officers of the committee acting in connection with the Boys in Blue, who purposed holding a Fair and Festival, asking for the gratuitous use of City Hall on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of February, and that of March.

On motion of Mr. Shipton the petition was accepted, and the prayer of the ladies granted.

Mr. Phillips presented a petition from Messrs. Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, asking for permission to erect a line of telegraph from their warehouse, corner of Market and Water streets, to the junction of Grant and First streets, via Water street. Read and accepted.

Mr. McMillen presented a petition from Christopher Zug, objecting to the assessment made upon him for the paving of Wallnut street, in the Fifth ward, for the reason that the work has not been properly done. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

A communication was read from Comptroller McCargo, accompanying the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to transfer to balance now remaining in appropriation No. 16, to the various appropriations now deficient, as he may see proper and necessary.

The resolution was adopted.

A petition was read from Charles Knap's nephews asking for the payment of an additional $5,000 for the machinery put up by them in the city water works, inasmuch as the cost of the same to them has been $27,500 00, the contract price having been but $22,500 00. Bills of work from same firm were also presented, all of which were referred to the Water Committee.

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Mr. Hare, from the Committee appointed to secure a site for a new City Hall, reported that an agreement had been entered into with Messrs. Lyon, Shoaf & Co. for the purchase of a lot on the corner of Smithfield street and Virgin alley for $100,000, $20,000 of the amount to be paid July 1st, 1867, and the balance in four equal annual payments. The report was accepted.

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Western University.

The Western University, corner of Ross and Diamond streets, will re-open Wednesday, the 2d inst., when applications for admission may be made. To obtain a thorough knowledge of the Greek, Latin, French and German languages, Book-keeping, common and higher English studies, and Natural science, the best advantages are here enjoyed. Each department has its separate Professor, who hears all the recitations of his department daily. The large number of students—nearly two hundred—is evidence that an institution, to give a sound, classical and scientific education, embracing in its curriculum all the studies of our best colleges, can be well sustained on its own merits. The entire tuition and board costs three hundred dollars, the contributions of its friends, are annually expended in securing the most able Professors. Its Board of Trustees are our most prominent citizens of different denominations.

GYMNASTIC ASSOCIATION.—An election for officers of the Pittsburgh Gymnastic Association was held last evening at Wilkins Hall, Fourth street, when the following gentlemen were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year: President—E. A. Montooth; Vice President—W. W. Ward; Secretary—John M. Campbell; Treasurer—F. M. C. Irwin.

FIRE WORKS.—At the Union Skating Park, in Allegheny City, there will be, during the day and night, Hammer & Toerge's celebrated brass band and a number of first class skaters, and at night a grand display of fire works.

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Seasonable Suggestions.

Winter, in this climate, is a trying season. Its unsteady temperature greatly affects the consumptive, and acts very unfavorably upon that sensitive organ, the liver. The alternation of frost and thaw keeps the whole body constantly in a state of contracting, and the result is a condition of the system favorable to the action of the atmospheric virus which produces intermittent fevers; hence, a PROTECTIVE MEDICINE is needful, which will fortify the system as especially needed in the winter months. The effect of this great CONSTITUTIONAL INVIGORANT, in rendering even the feeblest frame impervious to all malarious influences, is a grand fact demonstrated by the uniform experience of a quarter of a century. As a stimachic, an anti bilious medicine, and a preventive and cure of Fever and Ague, it is the ONE THING NEEDFUL, which does not vary in the assessment made upon him for the paving of Wallnut street, in the Fifth ward, for the reason that the work has not been properly done. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

MONDAY, December 31, 1866.

The offerings of paper for discount to-day were much in excess of the ability of our banks to accommodate, and therefore the greater portion of it had to lay over. It is confidently expected that the causes which produces this pinch in our local money market will soon not be felt, and a speedy return to a more comfortable condition is nigh at hand.

The New York quotations received at noon to-day at S. S. Bryan's, show another quick advance in Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railway stock, and what is rather unexpected, and not frequently occurring, a sharp decline in Fort Wayne. This may be accounted for from a belief that is going on to change the management of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Company at the election to be held in Cleveland, on Wednesday next, to which we alluded in our last report, have only given such statements of the reasons that have induced a desire to effect this change, that have come under our notice, and do not vouch for their correctness:

U. S. Bonds, 1881	110½
" 5-20's, 1865	108
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" 1st series 7-30's	107½
Michigan Southern	82½
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	62½
Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago	105½
Erie	69½
W. U. Telegraph Co	46½
Chicago and Rock Island	100½
Chicago and Northwestern	45½
Chicago and Nor thwestern, preferred	82½
Gregory	30½
Rocky Mountain	3½
Quartz Hill	4
Hope	1 00
Gordon	1 75
Homan	1 25
Keystone	4 25
Smith & Parmelee	8 00

—There is considerable speculation afloat as to what Congress will do in the way of financial legislation, and confidence in the stability of values is being strengthened by the belief that the currency will be left undisturbed, and that the existing powers of the Secretary of the Treasury will be curtailed, and his duties more strictly defined in every important particular, so that secret sales of gold and manipulations of the public debt and the money market will be guarded against.

—Mr. John D. Bailey, a gentleman well known in stock circles, has opened a Stock Board at the Board of Trade Rooms, and will hold a regular call of stocks on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, at 12½ o'clock P. M., and on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. This arrangement will afford persons an excellent opportunity of selling or purchasing any of the various securities that may be held in this market at a very moderate commission. Mr. Bailey is a gentleman of energy and enterprise and fair standing in all his transactions. We hope he will succeed in this new move he has made.

—We copy the following *remarks* from the Philadelphia *Press*, Sunday issue:

As the year draws to a close the merchants look back on the business they have done since the first of the year with very little exultation. At present they find on their hands ample stocks of goods for which there is no sale at the large sacrifices they are ready to make in order to get their affairs within safe limits. The collections from the interior are bad, and the recent general fall in the value of merchandise has left the wants of home millers, present prices affording no margin to shippers. The receipts have been quite insignificant, but there are several cargoes from California nearly due, which with others to follow, will materially strengthen our winter reserves in store. The transactions comprise 50,300 bush at $1 10@1 18 for amber State, $1 15 @ 1 17 for mixed spring, $2 20@2 25 for No. 1 Chicago, and $2 16@2 20 for No. 2 Milwaukee.

In Cincinnati wheat on Saturday was steady in the firmer position which it took on Friday, and the quotations are freely maintained, though transactions do not amount to much. No. 2 winter would bring $2 15, but 2 05c more is asked. No. 1 is held at $2 40. No. 2 winter red is held at $2 80, and sold at that. No. 1 commands $2 85, but is sparingly offered at less than $2 90. Extra is held at $3 00@3 05. Corn is steady at 59@59c for new car, and 60@61c for shelled. Old shelled we learn, could have been bought to-day at 74c.

The Albany Board of Trade has resolved that, with the assent of the Board of Trades which have taken action on the subject, the Central System shall go into effect on the first day of March, 1867, and that the Secretary be directed to communicate with the various Boards of Trade, and request of them to fix upon the date, to the end that concert of action may be had.

PROVISIONS AND HOGS.

In Cincinnati, on Saturday, freshly packed Mess Pork under new brands was held, sapphire at $ commercial, of Sunday, at $19 50, but $20 is the ruling figure at which established brands are held very firmly. Lard is more generally held at 12c for kettle rendered. Steamed is held at 11½c in some cases as high as 11¾c, but this is equivalent to keeping it out of the market, since it can be had at 11½c. Bulk meats partially cured are held at 9½@9¾c for shoulders and sides, packed. It is said that purchases can in some cases be made at 9½c under those figures, but this would certainly require some sacrifice. Sugar cured hams have been offerings of country cured sold already, and it is predicted that more than the usual amount of such stuff will be placed on the market the coming year, because of the scarcity of drovers and country dealers with the low prices that have ruled. Quote the leading packing points: Bacon hogs quotable at 12@12½c for car loads; sides to come out of smoke, and in the car spot. Hams: 16c for canvassed and shoulders are quoted at 8c; sides at 8c, and hams at 9½c for average lots, and 10c for choice sugar cured hams. These figures are firmly adhered to, though without much business.

Friday's figures on hogs are confirmed with steady firmness. Net weights are reported to have sold again at $7 75 as an extreme figure for extra, in quality and size. From this figure down to $7 25 may be quoted the range, and from $6 60 down to $6 on gross weights. The receipts are not again large, and seem inclined to work at current figures until they get their regular quota, when, however, the demand for each at a comparatively low level, and unless something intervenes to excite the market it is predicted that STOCK FROM THE WESTERN STATES will quota is reached.

The receipts here our last report, per river and rail, were 904 barrels Flour; 6 barrels apples; 1,302 sacks Corn; 414 sacks barley; 922 sacks Oats; 709 sacks Wheat; 6 sacks dried fruit; and 150 pieces hams.

We quote as follows, some of to-day's transactions, in this market:

APPLES—Small sales at $2 75@3 75 per barrel.

CORN MEAL—Kiln Dried, per barrel, of 196 pounds, is quoted at $4 50.

BUTTER—There is more demand and less receipts, but prices remain unchanged, viz: from 30@32c for prime articles.

FLOUR—The market is firm at the advance on all grades. Sales of choice Spring were made at $12 00@12 50. Winter at $10 00, and Fancy at $13@17.

Rye Flour is quoted at $9@9 50. Buckwheat Flour from $4@4 25.

GRAIN—We note sales to-day of 1 cars white wheat at $2 90, to arrive, and 1 car No. 2 spring, on Saturday, at $2 40. No. 1 Spring may be quoted at $2 60, and Winter wheat at $2 90@3 00. Oats, from first hands, may be quoted at 38@39c. Sales from store, in lots, were made at 40c. Rye is quoted at from $1 20@1 30, and Barley at $1 60@1 80 for Spring, and $1 10 for Fall. Bar Corn, from first hands, is worth from 75@80c.

HAY—We note sales of 1 car at $28 00 @ ton; 1 at $26 00, and 1 of inferior at $20 00 @ ton. At the sales from country wagons, prices were $32 00@35 00 for Timothy.

HIDES—We note sales of 50 dressed at the depot at 7½c @ lb. At the Central Stock Yards, prices ranged to-day from @ 5 to @ 6 for prime hogs.

CALF SKINS—Sales of 1 package whole carcass, at 16@16c @ lb. Dressed saddles are quoted at 27@30c. Prairie hides at 9c@$1 00 per pair, and Quail at from $1 00 @ 1 10 per dozen. Sales of 70 pair Rabbit at 35c per pair.

TALLOW—Sales are reported of 1 bbls at 6c per gallon.

WOOL—Quotations are $c @ per lbs.

PITTSBURGH OIL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL,
Monday, December 31, 1866.

Business yesterday was unusually dull, there being no demand for any description of present or future delivery. The market closed nominally at the old year closed dull. So far as relates to prices we have no change to note. The rates for some time past we have nominal and unsettled. The largest portion of the transactions were for future delivery. Bulk may be quoted at 8c; small packages included, 16c. The price of crude is held in bulk at 8c, and in small packages at 16c. The receipts of crude for the month of December, 1866, was Bulk, 17,627 gallons; packages included, 226,326—a material difference from the present figures.

CRUDE OIL—The market yesterday exhibited no change, buyers and sellers being apart in their views. The only transactions reported were 200 barrels bulk, sold at 8c, and 100 barrels in bond at 16c.

REFINED OIL—We did not learn of any sales; prices were too unsettled to quote correctly; we omit to quote.

To provide funds to meet the annual demands on the Treasury for the coming year, for new tracks, additional equipment, enlargement of depots, extension of sidings, and to meet the legitimate demands of the traffic of the country drained by the Pennsylvania railroad and its branches, for the present season of low conditions, dividends will hereafter be made semi-annually on the closing four per cent. from the net profits of the company, and that the first dividend of five per cent. based upon profits already earned, be declared at the regular dividend term in May next, and the rest, in addition to the regular cash dividend, a stock dividend of five per cent. per annum, to be issued annually if the earnings of the company will warrant the same.

The annual meeting of the stockholders occurs in February next, when the report will be referred to in the report then submitted by the board of directors.

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RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, December 31.—Navigation is wholly suspended here for the present. No arrivals or departures since Saturday. The weather continues cold.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 31.—River falling, with nine feet in the canal. Navigation suspended for the present. The Ohio above this is open, but the river is full of very heavy ice. Weather clear. Mercury 27° Barometer 29.66.

LOUISVILLE, December 31.—River falling, with nine feet of very heavy ice, and falling, with nine feet water in the canal. Navigation above is suspended. The Lower Ohio is open.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, December 31.—River falling, with 4 feet on the shoals. Weather cold. The Tyrone, from Cairo, and the Talisman, from Louisville, arrive in port. The Tyrone leaves to-night for Cairo; the General Sigel and J. L. Graham left for Burkesville.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, December 31.—Weather cloudy and cold. Business dull. River falling. Mr. Arkansas is falling, with four and half feet to Little Rock.

Arrivals—Robert Burns, from Cincinnati; Arthur and Deer Lodge, from St. Louis; Forsythe and Argosy, from New Orleans.

Departures—Kilgour, Laura Fenton, for Louisville; Adam Jacobs, Platte Valley, Forsythe and Argosy, for New Orleans.

In port—Burns, Arthur, Deer Lodge, Argosy, Commercial and St. Patrick.

RIVER NEWS.

THE RIVER—Last evening at twilight the marks indicated about five feet and falling. The weather continues to moderate. It will take a rain to remove the ice embargo, and bring about boat navigation. We have a number of boats that will leave as soon as the ice moves.

SUNDAY'S Cincinnati *Commercial* says navigation is virtually suspended to all points above Cincinnati as none of the upward bound packets ventured out yesterday. The Portsmouth packet St. Charles, Kanawha packet Mollie Norton, and New Richmond packet Experiment, laid up yesterday. The Arabian and Leonora, one from Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, one from the Wheeling, had not arrived up last night. They may manage to fight their way through the ice to this point, owing to the suspension of navigation from St. Louis to New Orleans, freights are offering quite freely. The Will Kinney and Silver Spray will both next leave for New Orleans, on Monday evening. The Gen. Buford, Captain Swaney, will commence loading for New Orleans to-morrow. Fortunately the river is in a fine stage here, which may prevent the ice from setting in for navigation hence to the month. It commenced falling last night, however.

THE favorite steamer Kate Robinson, Capt. R. Robinson, is now filling up for Memphis and New Orleans. For speed, accommodations and attention to passengers, the fine hand of Capt. Robinson is a clever and attentive officer. Any business entrusted to him will be done about right. Mr. McCherry, as usual, in the clearing, will always be found on hand. We take pleasure in saying a good word for boat and officers.

BOATS IN PORT—The following is a list of passenger steamers in port last evening: Athena, Bayard, Argosy, Lee Eagle, Jennie Rhodes, Silver Cloud No. 2, Leonidas, Juna No. 2, Yorktown, Kate Putnam, Kate Robinson, Belle Key, Silver Lake No. 2, Shenandoah, Wellsville, Columbia, New York, Ezra Porter, Maggie Hays, Bridgeport, Franklin, Telegraph, R. Moore, Greendale—24.

THE fine packet Leonidas, Capt. A. McGowan, is announced for Memphis and New Orleans. Her fast trips in the Memphis trade, under Capt. McGowan is a large favorite with traders. The first clerk is our esteemed and attentive friend, John Fisher, an officer who can no superior. Persons going that way will be well attended by.

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